

August 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA, at 5:30pm

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice-Chairman John Whelan, Supervisor Glen Cromley, Supervisor Al Neuner, Supervisor Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Engineer Drew Barton

Also present: Linda Rea, Joe Sylvester from Danville News, Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Glen Leighow, Nancy Whelan & Marlene Gunther

Present via Audio Video: Solicitor Jonathan DeWald

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The meeting started with the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lynn asked for any public comment related to the agenda items – No comment.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff and gave his report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff reminded residents to mail personal checks at the United States Postal Service mailboxes rather than their home mailboxes due to Check Washing Fraud, which is still happening in this area.

Chief briefly discussed breaching equipment he is interested in purchasing, to be used in each police vehicle. This equipment is used for active/massive shootings. Total cost to order from KPI Tactical Breaching equipment is \$2,917.95. Chief said they are local company that is very reputable. They deliver and they back their products. Chief said he also applied for a grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency to fund ballistic shields & helmets as well as other tools and equipment. This equipment will cost around \$9,000. He will approach the board again to purchase the other items if the grant does not go through. Chief said there will also be training involved. The actual training is sending officers as rescue task force to learn which will take place at the Old Riverside Elementary School. **Supervisor Neuner motioned to approve the KPI Tactical equipment, for \$2,917.95, which will be paid for from general funds. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Resident Nelli Dlugazima who is new to the area is glad we're getting this equipment. She also has questions about the bicycle and walking paths but will email. She thanked the township for being proactive.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Treasurers July report. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.

The board recognized Ken for his due diligence in doing the research for investments and finding PLGIT, which will increase the townships dividends.

Engineer Drew Barton discussed

Drew said contractor Don E. Bower will start the storm water project after Labor Day.

Solicitor Jon DeWald:

Solicitor DeWald said the Floodplain Ordinance update, discussed at the last meeting, is ready for consideration and approval. Updating this ordinance will allow township residents in the flood plain or who will be constructing in the flood plain, to continue to get flood insurance. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn is the township's Floodplain Coordinator. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-0808. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn:

Dean said Sewage Enforcement Officer, Gene Powlus's resigned last week. **Supervisor Lynn motion to approve Gene Powlus's resignation. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.** Resident Marlene Gunther asked if Mahoning plans to appoint another SEO. Chairman Lynn said we are working on it now.

Dean said the owner pleaded guilty and paid the fine on the citation filed 2 weeks ago on 64 Schoolhouse Road.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they finished the curb repair at the meadows and that they are ready for the paving contractor. It looks like they will start paving the end of September.

Lloyd said he has only talked to one vendor so far concerning the chassis and said they confirmed the 12-to-14-month lead time.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her June & July Reports and discussed:

Chief Young said their 100th Anniversary celebration is coming up Saturday, August 20th at the East End Fire Company. There will be an Open House from 12:00pm to 5pm in their Truck Room and Social Hall, with raffles. They will have (2) food vendors and (1) ice cream vendor. They are also having a DJ and anyone 21 years of age or older can also come enjoy.

Unfinished Business:

Engineer Drew Barton said the meeting for the Bloom Road project is scheduled for mid-August.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said the site issues on Fairview Drive have been resolved. The arborvitaes were trimmed back, the pine tree was also trimmed.

Chairman's Report of Executive Sessions Held Prior to Meeting:

Chairman Lynn said the board had no executive meetings since the last meeting.

New Business

Resident Glen Leighow expressed concerns about the water and sewer arrearages he was forced to pay from a foreclosure property he purchased in 2017. He said only one supervisor ever looked at the issues. He would like all the supervisors to review this. He asked the Solicitor if it's proper to file a lien 3 months after the closing, which Solicitor DeWald said is proper. The board will have Solicitor DeWald review Mr. Leighow's request and further discuss at the next meeting.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of the next Yard Waste Pick-up from JDOG will be next Tuesday, August 16th, 2022.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of Dumpster Day coming up this Saturday, August 13th, 2022, from 8am to 11am.

Public comment not related to new business. No Comment

Resident Marlene Gunther thanked the Police & Fire Dept.'s for the National Night Out. She said they did a great job.

Supervisor Neuner motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary